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SCHEMES FOR BPL PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new survey has been conducted for the identification of Below Poverty Line (BPL) people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including criteria laid down for the purpose;

(c) the number of people living below poverty line in the country as on 31 March, 2011, State-wise;

(d) the details of the Schemes or programmes implemented by the Government for the Welfare of BPL families, alongwith the funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent during the last three years and the current year; and

(e). the number of people raised above poverty line during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN "ADITYA")

(a) A Socio Economic and Caste Census has been launched on 29th June 2011 in the country which would be carried out by the respective State/Union Territory Governments with the financial and technical support of the Government of India. Socio Economic and Caste Census consist of Census in Rural areas for identification of BPL households, Census in Urban areas in connection with identification of BPL households in urban areas and Caste Census throughout the country.

(b) Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) is a door to door census of all the households and data collection is being done by electronic hand held devices. The methodology for identification of Below Poverty Line families includes criterion for automatic exclusion of rural household from the BPL list, automatic inclusion in the BPL list and grading of the remaining households based on certain deprivations.

(c) Information about state-wise number of people living below poverty line in the country as on 31 March, 2011 is not available.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), and the Ministry of Drinking water and sanitation is implementing Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) for benefit of persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas of the country. Scheme-wise details of central funds allocated, released, utilized and number of beneficiaries covered under these schemes are given at Annexure.

(e) The Department of Rural Development has no system/mechanism as such of generating data/information about people who have brought above poverty line during a particularly year.